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SUBJ: OPEC MINISTERIAL MEETING

REF: A. STATE 98032; B. BERN 1729

1. FOLLOWING IS BASED ON PRESS AND RADIO REPORTS:

A. ALGERIAN PETROLEUM MINISTER ABDESSELAM TOLD SWISS RADIO REPORTERS THAT OIL PRICES AND THE QUESTION WHETHER OPEC HEADQUARTERS SHOULD REMAIN IN VIENNA WERE DISCUSSED ON APRIL 22, AND NO DECISIONS WERE REACHED.

B. VENEZUELAN OIL MINISTER ACOSTA TOLD AFP (UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION) THAT QUOTE OUR MEETING IS PRIVATE, INFORMAL AND HAS NO AGENDA. IRAN, CURRENTLY IN THE CHAIR, CALLED THE MEETING AT WHICH ONLY THE THIRTEEN PETROLEUM MINISTERS ARE PRESENT. THE IRANIAN MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, M. JAMSHID AMOURZEGAR, MUST HAVE CONCLUDED, ACCORDING TO ACOSTA, THAT AN INTERIM MEETING WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE OTHERWISE TOO MUCH TIME WOULD HAVE PASSED BETWEEN THE LAST OPEC CONFERENCE AT VIENNA IN DECEMBER AND THE NEXT, AT THE END OF MAY IN BALI. AGAIN ACCORDING TO ACOSTA, NO SPECIFIC QUESTION IS ON THE AGENDA AND THE THIRTEEN MINISTERS MAY DISCUSS ANYTHING AT ALL; THE PRICE OF CRUDE, PRODUCTION LEVELS, OR THE TRANSFER OF OPEC HEADQUARTERS. THE VENEZUELAN MINISTER COULD NOT SAY WHEN THE CONFERENCE WOULD END. END QUOTE. DAVIS

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